

CHILD OF 4 ON "PIG WOMAN'S" FARM MYSTERY IN HALL-MILLS MURDER

● Around There About Time Of Slaying

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Jane Gibson, the famous "pig woman" of the Hall-Mills murder mystery, on whom the state largely depends in its latest efforts to solve the four-year-old crime and whom State Senator Alexander Simpson, special prosecutor, declares incapable of falsehood, has been living a lie for years.

Amidst the squalor of the squat farm which Mrs. Gibson owns on the outskirts of New Brunswick there may be seen daily a beautiful mite of a child as out of place in the dirt and muck as a bit of old china in the kitchen of a laborer.

Blue-eyed, delicately featured, fragile, almost, in her daintiness, and with that indefinable something which denote patrician ancestry, the child plays about the farm as the daughter of the "pig woman."

To those who inquire when Mrs. Gibson is unable to shoo the youngster into hiding the state's chief witness in the Hall case asserts that the little girl is her child, Joan Laston.

While the "pig woman," since she broke her rather uncertain fame, has ever been known as

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Lady Astor Here Again, Defends Modern Girl

BOSTON, Aug. 3.—Lady Nancy Astor, first woman member of the British Parliament and a native of Virginia, today is in the land of her birth for the second time since she took her seat in the House of Commons.

And with her she brought four of her six children, Phyllis, 17; David, 11; Mildred, 10, and John Jacob, 7. Lady Astor was coming incognito—purely for a vacation, as she explained to interviewers who met her aboard the Samaria. Some one asked Lady Astor about disarmament.



Lady Astor

"England is for it," she asserted promptly, "but not for total disarmament. That would be madness. It would be like disbanding the police force."

The children, of course, inspired the subject of the rising generation.

"Are you going to bring your daughter up as a typical English

Simpson Grills "Pig Woman"



STATE SENATOR ALEXANDER SIMPSON last night visited the farm of Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman," who says she saw the Hall-Mills murder. Mr. Simpson reported that Mrs. Gibson's story was "very important." (Photo Graphic.)

Girl Saved From Sound, Would-Be Rescuer Lost

Overwrought by her experience, Miss Dorothy Smart, to save whom Robert A. Bould, Wall Street wit, was drowned in Long Island Sound, is confined today at the home of her mother, Mrs. James Helen Smart, 28 East 55th St.

BOY'S FIRST AID SAVES PAL, 4, FROM DROWNING

OGDENSBURG, N. Y.—A knowledge of first aid in drowning cases and its prompt employment by Harold Brooks and a number of his companions was responsible for the saving of Nickey Lavarnway, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lavarnway, when he fell from a boat into the river.

The boys used artificial respiration.

Riding in a dinghy that trailed the sailboat of Bould, investment manager for Frederick H. Hatch & Co., 74 Broadway, Miss Smart was plunged into the Sound between Port Jefferson and New London.

Bould, a poor swimmer, jumped, fully clothed, to save her. But they

were swept away from each other by a stubborn tide. Meanwhile, George C. Johnson, 1 Gramercy Park, who, with Mrs. Johnson, was aboard the sailboat, rectified the dinghy and attempted a rescue.

"Forget me," Bould advised.

"Get her first. I'm all right."

After lifting Miss Smart into the dinghy Johnson looked about for Bould, but he had sunk.

27-MILE SUBWAY PLANNED BY ROME

ROME.—The construction of an underground railway in Rome is under consideration by a committee representing the ministries of communications, public works, interior and education.

The line, which would be about twenty-seven miles long, would be constructed at the expense of the government.

THE WEATHER

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U. S. WEATHER FORECAST
Local—Probably showers today. Not much change in temperature; fresh southwest winds.
EASTERN NEW YORK—Probably showers today in southern part. Fresh southwest winds.

Woman and Three Men Now Face Indictment In Hall-Mills Murder

By EDWARD CHURCHILL

Senator Alex W. Simpson, appointed by Justice James Parker of Somerset county to uncover the true facts in the gruesome mystery of the shooting of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Eleanor Mills, pretty choir singer, four years ago, today laid the groundwork for one of the most sweeping investigations in criminal history.

Convinced that perversion of justice had halted the indictment against three men and a woman many times mentioned in connection with the brutal slaying beneath the chabapple tree on the old Phillips farm, he plunged immediately into his task by conferring with Patrick Hayes, former chief of police at Hoboken and now chief county detective of the staff of prosecutor John Milton of Hudson county.

He placed before Hayes complete results of his hasty trip late yesterday to the office of Prosecutor Francis Bergen and the home of Jane Gibson, the "pig woman," whose story of the circumstances surrounding the killing was laughed at four years ago by his predecessors. He talked with both. He asserted today he would throw out all previous investigations and "start clean, sifting the matter to the bottom." He said he not only would interest himself in the matter of the crime himself but in the agencies which hushed up the details.

Outlines His Case

He outlined his case in startling phraseology, revealing the facts on which he expected to base his inquiry and lines along which he would travel in ending what Gov. Moore so aptly termed "a blot on the reputation of New Jersey."

"Records, affidavits, documentary evidence and testimony placed in a safe guarded in the offices of Warden William Major in the Somerset county jail—all that is important in the case—have disappeared. Azariah Beekman, late prosecutor, and George Totten, former county detective, in the employ of a New York newspaper, I am informed, were the last persons to see those records; I mean to have them," he said.

"From my hasty trip to Prosecutor Bergen's office at Somerville I have learned that any ordinary jury would have returned four years ago indictments against a woman and two, possibly three, men."

"I intend making no arrests at present. I feel that at times it is far wiser to permit witnesses to be at large."

"At least three suspects in the crime have given conflicting alibis. I shall check on these and find which are true."

Mrs. Gibson Impresses

"I am highly impressed with the story of Mrs. Jane Gibson, whom I saw at her farm near New Brunswick. I feel that she is a woman without imagination, unable to concoct such a story as she has told."

"Her facts, known to all, are all read in a plausible manner. The detail of each and every event she says took place, stands out clearly. She identifies positively only one person. (Previous statements of Mrs. Gibson is that the woman was Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, now out on bail on two charges of murder.)"

"She partly identifies another (Mrs. Gibson claims that she heard a woman say, 'oh, Henry, why did you do it?'). Investigation has re-

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Ormiston Clears Mrs. McPherson In Affidavit

CHICAGO, Aug. 3 (By U. P.).—Kenneth G. Ormiston, radio operator at the Angelus Temple in Los Angeles, in an affidavit made public here today, admitted having occupied a cottage near Carmel, Cal., May 21, with a mysterious "Miss X."

The affidavit was made to clear Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, whose disappearance and later return is being investigated by California officials, of any suspicion in connection with the renting of the cottage by a "Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre."

Ormiston said he left San Francisco May 19 with "Miss X," toured through Salinas, where he claims to have learned of the disappearance of the evangelist, and then rented the cottage on May 21, introducing the girl as Mrs. McIntyre.

Scouts to Invest Smith as Sachem

Gov. Smith will be invested today as grand sachem of the Kanohwahke when he visits the Kanohwahke Scout camps in the Ramapo Mountains as the guest of Barron Collier, vice-president of the Boy Scout Foundation.

The formal announcement of the proposed investiture says Kanohwahke is Indian talk meaning "big water."



Gov. Smith

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